

SUDDEN DEATHS AT WESTERLY

Edwin C. King's Active Career Ended—Mrs. Sarah R. Beardsley Dies while on a Visit—Not so Easy to Sell Old Armory Site—Stonington Women Injured in Driving Accident.

Not only friends of today, but many of the older residents who "ran wild" in the days before horses took the fire apparatus to fires, are interested in the proposition of the Pawtucket Veterans' association to celebrate the centennial of the birthday of William Jeffers, who brought fame to Pawtucket, as a builder of the old hand engine fire tubs, so called.

William Jeffers, who was one of the most noted builders of fire tubs in his day, was born August 27, 1839, in Milton, Mass. When a young man he removed to Pawtucket, and it was there he made his name and fortune. In 1844 when the big double-deck hand engine, built by Agnew at Philadelphia, was received by the volunteers of Pawtucket, Mr. Jeffers, who had been experimenting with fire pumps, took the machine in hand and rebuilt it so far as the pumps and other machinery were concerned, and the machine was sold to Westery and known as the "Hay Cart," outstripping all other machines of her class in speed and efficiency.

Mr. Jeffers devoted his attention to the building of fire engines and the first product of his shop was the Gaspee No. 9 for the Providence department, and now owned by the Providence Veterans' association. It was so successful that he constructed and put into commission about 150 tubs of the same type, and he had many differing styles of box and superstructure.

The Pawtucket association plan is to have a muster in that city, August 27, and invite all the machines of the Jeffers make in and about New England to participate. There are about twenty-five of these within a radius of fifty miles and it is believed they will gladly accept the invitation to do honor to the memory of the famous fire engine builder.

In Rhode Island there are at least nine muster engines of the Jeffers build, which includes the Hay Cart of Pawtucket, formerly owned by Westery, and the Gaspee of Providence. Also, the Nameless engine of New London, later the Rough and Ready of Johnston, and now owned by the Watchmen of the East Providence. Besides these in the Ocean of Narragansett, Star of Cranston, Narragansett of Riverside, Watchmen of East Providence, King Philip of Bristol and Mechanic of Warren. At Philadelphia is located the old Grashopper, of a special experimental type, of which only two were built, the other being sold in Texas. In addition there are a few other Jeffers tubs in the state that have not been in use or at musters in so many years that they have been practically forgotten.

In connection with the celebration, it is planned to have crews of the present active members of the Rhode Island Ones of Westery and of the Nameless of New London man the brakes of their old machines, "Shake her down," and squirt a stream over a measured distance for a suitable prize.

Edwin C. King died suddenly of pulmonary apoplexy Monday morning at his home in Hill street in his 62nd year.

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Valentine Yeager, who came to Westery thirty-five years ago, and was for a long time employed at the plant of B. & Wilson band of Bridgeport forty years ago, and since then has been leader of Yeager's band of Springsfield, the Whitmanville band, Greenville band, Terryville band, Westery band, Temperance band of Westery and the Ashaway band. He was a resident of Norwich in 1874, and one of his sons, Charles Yeager, led Yeager's orchestra of that city, some years ago.

Local Laconics.
Mayor Costello Lippitt of Norwich was a visitor Monday in Westery.

Pipes are being laid to supply the sanitary drinking fountains soon to be located in Wilcox park. They are to be of the bubbling type and no cups will be required.

Michael Flynn left Westery Monday evening, and thence by boat from Stonington to New York, and will sail on the steamer Campana Wednesday on a visit to Ireland, during an absence of forty-six years. He will be accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Ellen Ring of Norwich.

The Norwich and Danielson soldier boys in camp at Fort Monmouth are attending strictly to duty, and none came to Westery on pass, except on special and necessary business. During the stay of the citizen soldier the regulars are required to give their whole time to the army, and they are kept within the government reservation.

CHURCH UNITY

Favored by Congregational Committee and Episcopal Representatives.

The last Lambeth conference of the bishops of the Anglican communion adopted a resolution suggesting that meetings of clergy and laymen of different Christian bodies be held in order to promote Christian unity. In accordance with this suggestion at the general conference of the Congregational churches of Connecticut, held in November, a committee was appointed consisting of the Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, pastor emeritus of the Center church in New Haven, Chief Justice Simon E. Baldwin of the supreme court of Connecticut, and Frederick W. Green of Hartford, to carry out the suggestion of the conference.

This committee may meet with the Rev. Bishop Brewster of the Episcopal diocese of Connecticut, the Rev. Dr. Francis of Hartford, William R. Goodwin and W. M. Grosvenor of New York, representatives of the Protestant-episcopal church.

As the result of an exchange of views the committee has prepared a suggestion as to certain methods towards church unity which are interlocking matters, as follows:

First—Might not an agreement be reached in conformity with the constitution of the Episcopal church by Episcopal recognition in other congregations of such freedom of worship as might be congenial and habitual among them?

Second—As to church membership, the suggestion is made that confirmation be not included among matters essential to church unity.

Third—Might not the office and functions of the Episcopal be adopted in other Christian churches as an organ of fellowship?

Fourth—As to the autonomy of self-government of individual churches, might not a working agreement be practical by the recognition on the one hand of the self-governing power of individual churches and on the other hand general advisory functions and some degree of Episcopal direction?

Fifth—As to ordination—the suggestion is made that the thing to be considered is what would be necessary to render the ministry of their churches regular according to the existing Episcopal order; whether additional authorization as to the sacrament might not be conferred by the bishop and whether similar and enlarged authority could be conferred upon the ministers of the different bodies.

BUT TWO BURIALS.

New Record Established for Indian Hill Cemetery.

A new record, such as it was, was established for Indian Hill cemetery for June. There were but two burials in the cemetery during the 30 days of the month and one of these was of a person brought from another town for interment. The only Middletown resident to be buried in the cemetery during the month was Benjamin Fountain. None of the kind had occurred before since the opening of the cemetery for burial purposes. Middletown Press.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Waterbury.—The number of marriages performed in this city during June was 92.

Greenwich.—The town of Greenwich will open bids today (Tuesday) for \$500,000 four per cent. gold serial bonds.

Southington.—The Southington Industrial Improvement company is to break ground for a \$5,000 building this month.

Hartford.—Edward J. Cummins, president of the New England District Council of Retail Clerks, has gone to Louisville, Ky.

Bristol.—Mrs. J. H. Muscovice, wife of the general manager of the Bristol Engineering corporation, is visiting friends in Hungary.

Bridgeport.—Charles A. Crane of Chicago, the new United States minister to China, is the owner of the Crane Valve company of Bridgeport.

Torrington.—The Hale peach orchards suffered because of the drought, but with good weather from now on they should bear a rich crop. Too much rain will do harm.

Naugatuck.—The Naugatuck golf team went to Derby Saturday afternoon and played the Highland golf team of that city, and was victorious after a hard contest by the score of 20 to 17.

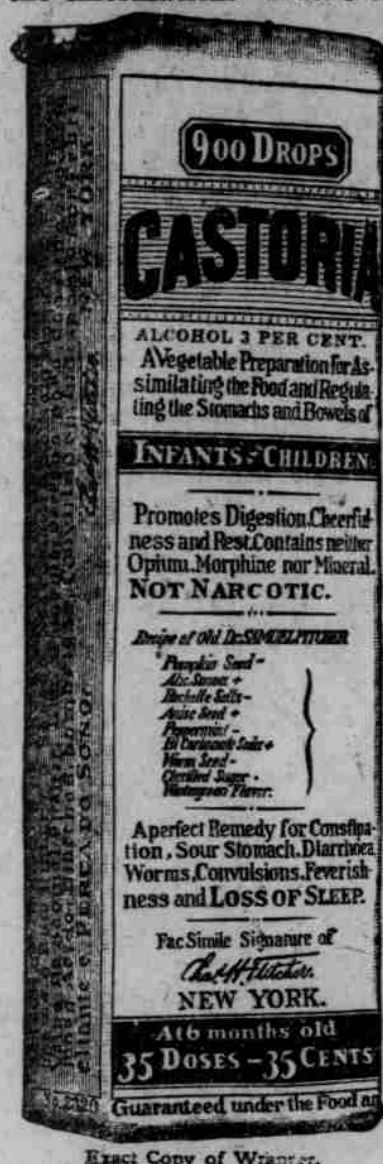
Oakville.—A white crane, the first seen in this locality in years, took up a temporary abode in the Oakville company's pond Saturday. According to those who saw it, it stood over three feet high.

New Britain.—The state board of education will come here the last part of this week to investigate the petition for locating a trade school here. A petition has been filed by the local manufacturers.

Ansonia.—Charles E. Brooker of Ansonia has been named as a commissioner on the memorial to General Joseph E. Hawley to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank W. Cheney of Manchester.

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